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Search warrant execution in Enterprise leads to drug trafficking and distribution arrests

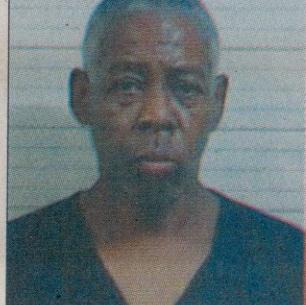
On Friday, Sept. 15, members of the Region B Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force along with law enforcement personnel from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Region B State Bureau of Investigation, Coffee County Sheriff's Office, Enterprise Police Department, and Houston County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant in the 100 Block of Sconiers Street in Enterprise, Ala.

Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd said the search warrant was the culmination of an extensive investigation that revolved around the trafficking and distribution of illegal narcotics in the Enterprise area. The search warrant yielded approximately 1,650 grams of marijuana, 119 grams of cocaine, 131 grams of kratom, and 5 grams of oxycodone. Seven firearms and approximately \$16,000 U.S. currency was also seized.

As a result of the investigation, four individuals



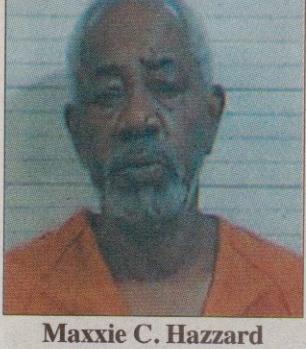
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were arrested.

Nafaro Erik Moses Hazzard, age 44, was charged with four counts of drug trafficking, one count of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, three

counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana – first degree, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

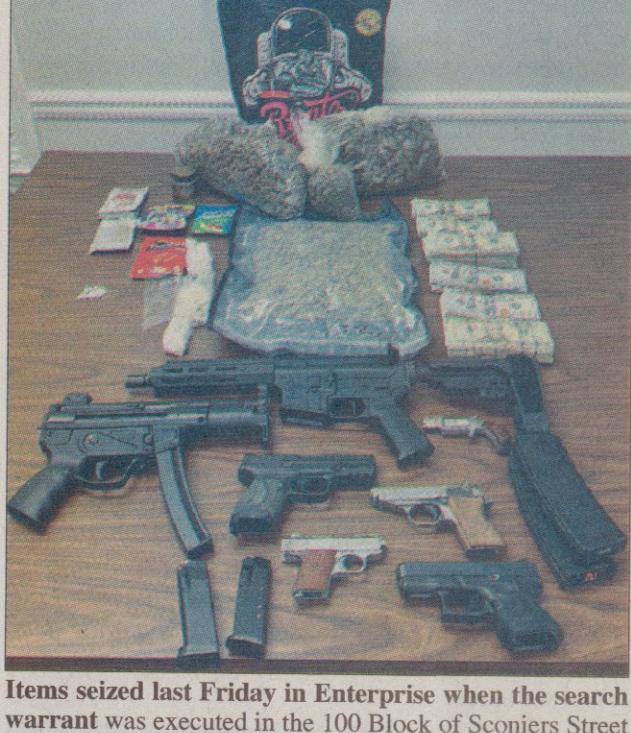
Wendell Kelvin Hazzard,

age 52, was charged with possession of marijuana – second degree, drug trafficking, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

Terence Lanard Lampley, age 57, was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance and drug trafficking.

Maxxie C. Hazzard, age 77, was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance and drug trafficking.

The Region B Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force consist of law enforcement personnel from the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, Enterprise Police Department, Houston County Sheriff's Office, Dale County Sheriff's Office, Henry County Sheriff's Office, Eufaula Police Department, Geneva County Sheriff's Office, and Geneva Police Department.



Items seized last Friday in Enterprise when the search warrant was executed in the 100 Block of Sconiers Street included approximately 1,650 grams of marijuana, 119 grams of cocaine, 131 grams of kratom, and 5 grams of oxycodone. Seven firearms and approximately \$16,000 U.S. currency was also seized.

Elba BOE thanks Greg Sowell for his service

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education held two required public hearings last week for the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget, and following the second hearing, the board voted to approve the budget.

According to the budget, the school system projects an enrollment during the fiscal year of around 660 student systemwide, with the majority at the elementary school. Total revenues for the year are anticipated to be \$8,334,125 while expenditures are expected to be \$7,886,787.

Chief Financial Officer Valiece McKelvy noted the school system's projected beginning balance on Oct. 1, 2023 would be \$2,126,455.14, and the projected ending balance on Sept. 30, 2024 would be \$2,573,793.14.

Also, during the meeting, the board voted to approve the hire of Jamala Moore to fill a teacher aide position at the elementary school.

Superintendent Chris Moseley said Moore currently is a teacher in Daleville. He said she will be retiring and they would come to Elba to fill this teacher's aide spot with her start date at Elba to most likely be Oct. 1st.

"We are very excited for this hire," Moseley said. "She is a very experienced teacher that will be helping here with intervention at the teacher's aide level."

The superintendent pre-



Elba City Schools Superintendent Chris Moseley, left, thanks Greg Sowell, right, for the approximate 12 years he served as a board member on the Elba City School Board of Education. Sowell recently resigned from the board. He represented Elba's District Five on the board.

sented board members with certificates for completing all their school board training last year. Also, he presented board president Johnny Senn with a certificate for completing "Level One" training and board member DeAnn Grantham for completing "Master – 2nd Year" training.

Prior to adjourning, Greg Sowell was recognized by the superintendent and board for his many years of service to the school system. Sowell recently resigned from the board after serving approximately

12 years as a board member.

"I want to thank Greg Sowell for everything he has done for me, personally, and for this school system," Moseley said. "It has not always just been a board member/superintendent relationship for us. We've talked about a lot of things that were community-related and not just school related. I appreciate everything you did for this board and this school system."

Board members echoed Moseley's remarks regarding Sowell.



Area Happenings

The Coffee County Extension office will be hosting the 2023 Alabama Grazing Academy class Friday, Sept. 22, at the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton. Registration is completed online and limited to the first 35 participants. Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch. For any questions, call Animal Science and Forages Regional Extension Agent Rickey Hudson at 334-726-6814.

Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd will be the guest speaker. All members to attend are urged to attend.

The September 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the New Brockton Senior Center. All members are asked to bring a covered dish. Also, Chapter 99 maintains a help desk located at the New Brockton Town Hall. Hours of operation are 9 - 11 a.m. on Wednesday of each week. This is a free service to anyone desiring help with a VA claim. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

GRANDPARENTS WELCOMED TO EES... The Elba Elementary School PTO hosted a "Grandparents Breakfast" last week at Elba Elementary School, and it was reported to be a fun time for all! Over 200 grandparents attended the special event as they enjoyed breakfast with their grandkids before school that morning. This is one of several events being hosted this school year by the EES PTO to try and promote community involvement with the school. Some of the school's teachers said they did not know who had more fun - the grandkids or the grandparents. All, however, said they are looking forward to doing it again!



EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The smaller the mind the greater the conceit." – Aesop

That above quote explains lots about 'us' to "us".

Government shutdown . . . what was gained . . . nothing. The experts have analyzed the results of previous shutdowns and that is their conclusion, which is no surprise. Years ago following a prolonged strike at Dorsey Trailers, one of the employees was in our office and explained that the extended time of the strike would take the workers x number of years to get back to even.

U. S. Representative Jennifer Wexton of Virginia will not be seeking reelection after her doctors upgraded her illness to what she describes as 'Parkinson's on steroids', which would make her very ineffective, even on her best days. She will go out as a very good leader and will not project an image of a failing, useless person serving her country in body only. She should be an inspiration to all of us. We salute her for being realistic and putting her country ahead of her own personal gratifications.

General Motors CEO Mary Barra reported earning \$29 million last year alone. Stellantis (Chrysler) CEO Carlos Tavares made \$24.8 and Ford CEO Jim Farley raked in \$21 million last year. While we have been known to be critical of union pay demands, we have little sympathy for these three and other companies when they are paying salaries like this to one individual! Union workers are correct in reminding the companies that they took pay and benefit cuts back several years ago when the Big Three were in major financial binds requiring government bailouts. Now they want those benefits back . . . and we agree.

The weather is clearly taking a break from the record heat of the past couple of months. We need to enjoy these few weeks of mild temps, as they will rapidly turn into c-o-l-d weather. We read a comment years ago that "humans invented language so they could complain about the weather." There is probably a bit of truth in that thought, as we seem to all discuss the weather – one way or another. There is no day throughout the year that pleases everyone. We join our farmers in wanting it to rain on our crops (or flowers), or wanting it to stop raining so we can plow and/or gather our crops or mow the grass!

It was interesting (and gratifying) to read comments from a long list of 'experts' who were defending the right to take a nap! They each contended it was good for the body and the brain to wind down a bit with a nap. Now don't wake me until after nap time is over for us!

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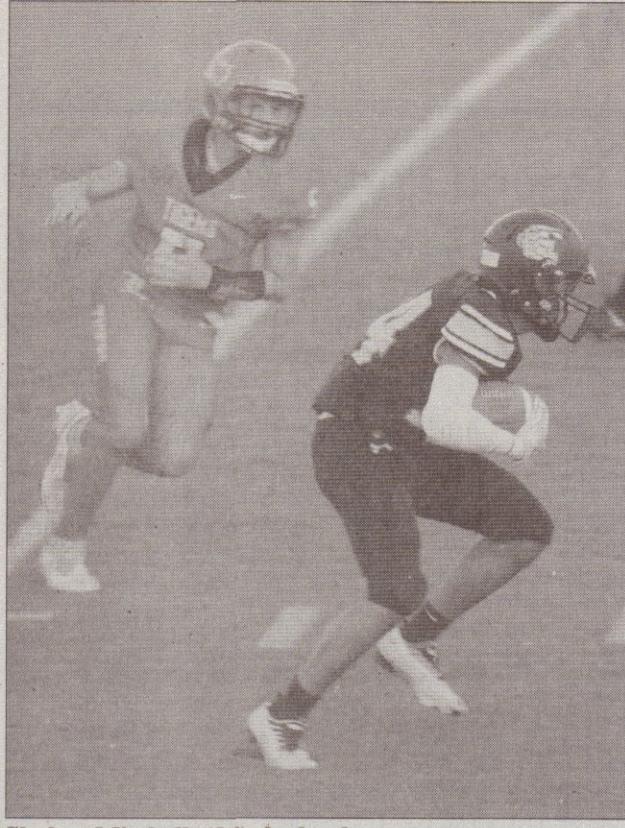
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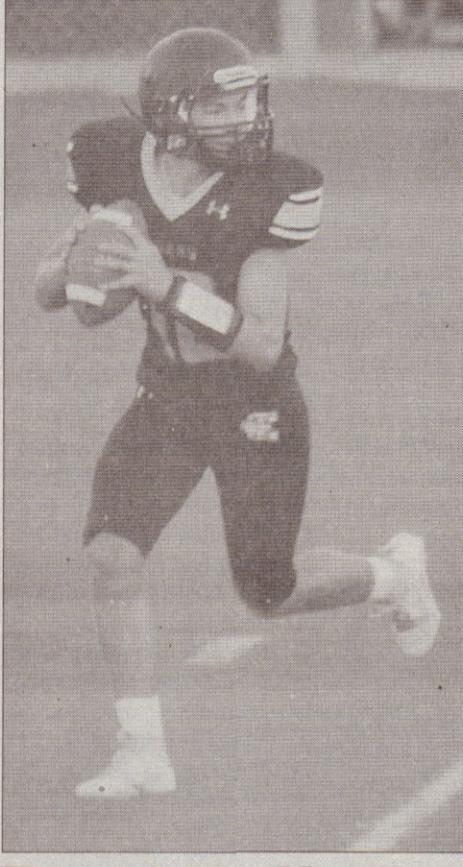
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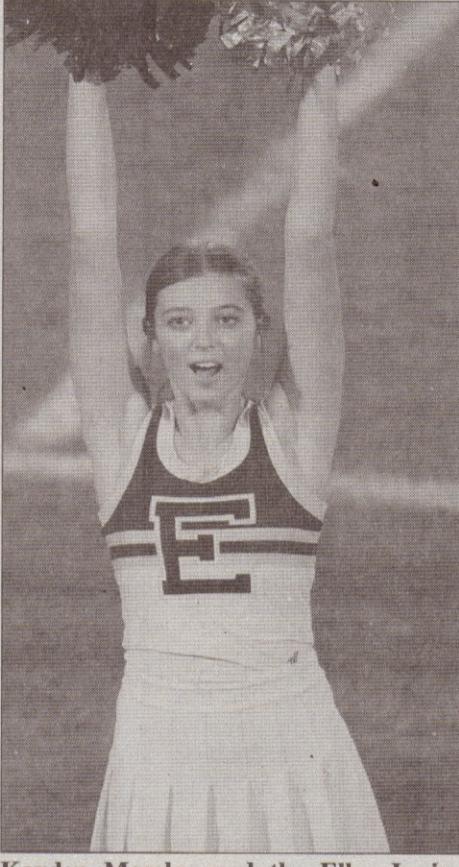
Monday nights are for JV football in Elba



Skylar Mitchell (24) looks for room to run against Luverne in Monday night's junior varsity football game in Elba.



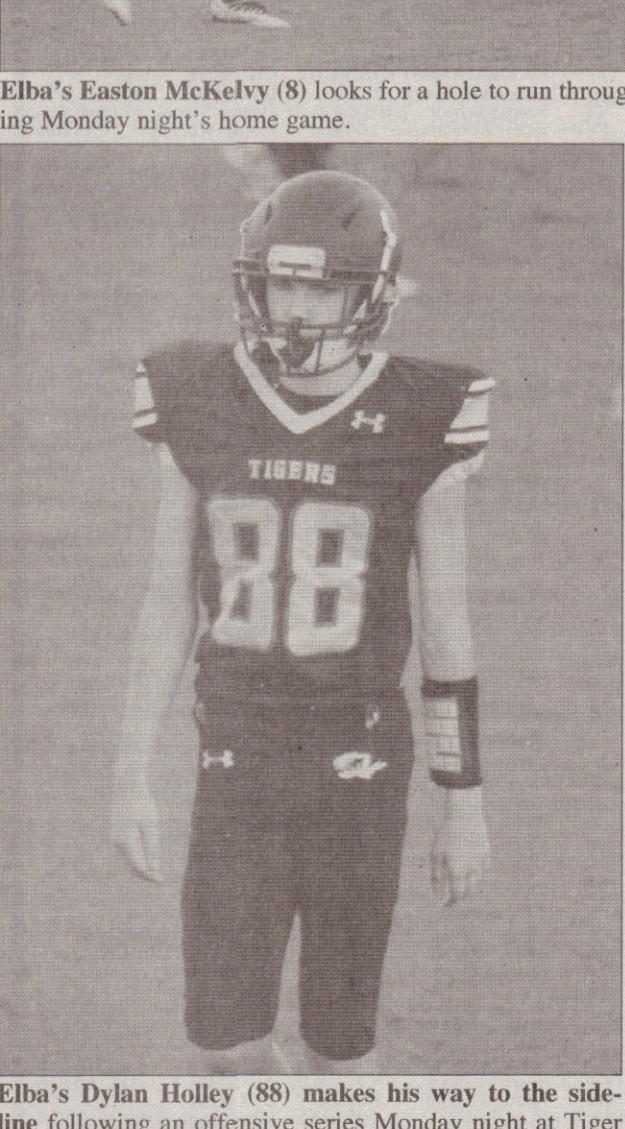
Elba quarterback Powell Bane (10) rolls out and looks to pass in Monday night's game against Luverne.



Kayden Moseley and the Elba Junior Varsity Cheerleaders kept the "spirit" Monday night during JV football action.



Elba's Easton McKelvy (8) looks for a hole to run through as his teammates block during Monday night's home game.



Elba's Dylan Holley (88) makes his way to the sideline following an offensive series Monday night at Tiger Stadium. Elba JV will host Zion Chapel this upcoming Monday night.



Business of the Month:

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Follow the Chamber ...



It was time for "Monday Night Lights" earlier this week at Elba's Tiger Stadium when the Elba Junior Varsity Tigers hosted the Luverne JV Tigers in football action.

Elba, a Class 1A school, dropped this contest to Luverne, a Class 2A school. The final score was 36-16.

Elba, under the leadership of head coach Kelsey Prestwood, has a record of 1-3-1 on the season with two games left.

Next Monday, Sept. 25, the Elba JV Tigers will be at home again as they host the Zion Chapel JV Rebels. Game time is set for 6 p.m. at Tiger Stadium on the Elba City Schools campus. Admission for the JV games is \$5.

Elba and Zion Chapel fans all are encouraged to attend next week's game. Support these young athletes as they compete for their school/community.



Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd, far right, visited last week with Stephanie Reeves third grade class at Elba Elementary School. The Sheriff accepted encouragement letters from the students that they had written to Coffee County Sheriff's Office deputies. Byrd thanked the students for their words of encouragement!

RECOGNIZING 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE!

Elba Postmaster Scott Jones, right, presented postal employee Steve Williams, left, with his 35-year pin last week. Williams began work with the Elba Post Office in April 1988. He is one of two employees still employed at the Elba Post Office that also worked in the old office that was located on Yelverton Avenue. The pin and a "Certificate of Appreciation" were sent by the Alabama-Mississippi District Manager, June Martindale. Jones said the Elba Post Office is "thankful for Steve and his 35 years of service here in Elba. We hope he decides to stay with us a few more years before he decides to enjoy retirement."

Local named to Dean's List at Southern Miss

The University of Southern Mississippi released its President's and Dean's Lists for the 2023 summer semester and included on the Dean's List was Anahely Zamacona of Enterprise, Ala.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade point average (all A's). Dean's List scholars are those with at least a 3.5 grade point average, but less than a 4.0.



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In the heart of emergencies, when chaos and uncertainty prevail, there are those who emerge as beacons of hope - first responders. These everyday heroes are the first to answer the call when disaster strikes, standing as the front line between danger and safety. But who exactly are first responders, and what do they do when called to action?

First responders are the dedicated individuals who rush to the scene when emergencies unfold. They encompass a diverse range of professionals, including paramedics, firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). Their unwavering commitment and rapid response are what make them the lifelines of our communities.

When the alarm sounds, first responders jump into action with unparalleled expertise. Paramedics and EMTs provide critical medical care, rendering aid to the injured and transporting them to hospitals. Firefighters combat blazes and rescue individuals from perilous situations, all while ensuring the safety of the surroundings. Police officers maintain law and order, securing the scene and assisting with evacuations if necessary. In these dire moments, their courage and skill can mean the difference between life and death.

The role of first responders doesn't end with emergency interventions. These professionals are also dedicated to disaster preparedness, ensuring that communities are equipped to handle crises before they happen. They engage in continuous training, mastering the latest techniques and technologies to provide the best care possible. Their presence at community events and educational programs fosters safety awareness and builds rapport with the public they serve.

In times of crisis, first responders often work hand in hand with funeral homes, forming a vital partnership to navigate the aftermath of tragedy. The collaboration between these two entities ensures that the deceased are treated with the utmost respect and dignity. Funeral homes work closely with first responders to provide support to grieving families, offering guidance during a challenging period. This synergy allows for seamless coordination, enabling families to focus on healing while professionals take care of logistics.

In the grand tapestry of our society, the selflessness, bravery, and tireless dedication of first responders echoes loudly in the moments when we need them most. They embody the essence of compassion and service, proving that heroes walk among us every day. As we acknowledge their sacrifices, let us remember that the first responders are the unsung guardians of our safety, tirelessly working to ensure that we can live our lives with peace of mind.

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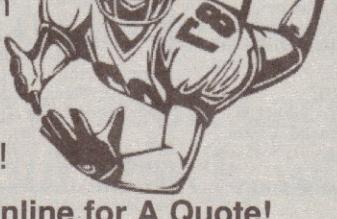
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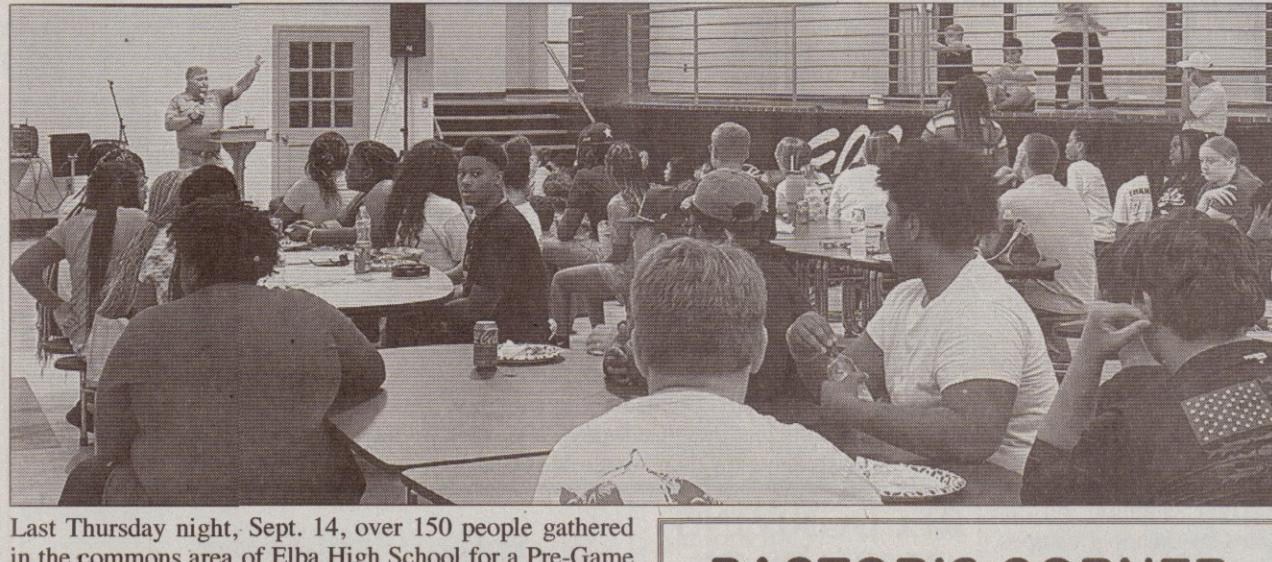
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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS



Last Thursday night, Sept. 14, over 150 people gathered in the commons area of Elba High School for a Pre-Game Worship. The majority of those gathered were Elba students. Others included local ministry leaders, school staff, and community members - all excited to watch the Lord work in the lives of Elba's young people. Above, the group listens as Rev. Ken Wilson, pastor of Westside Baptist Church speaks. Worshipful music was led by the Harris Temple COGIC Praise team. The evening was described yet again as a moving experience for all involved as they participated in worship and prayer together.

Family and Friends Day set for Sunday, Sept. 24, at Greater Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C.

"Family & Friends Day" will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at Greater Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C. beginning at 3 p.m.

Guest Speaker will be Supt. James Stark Jr. (Troy

District Supt. & Pastor of New Glorious C.O.G.I.C. (Shiloh Community). Host Pastor is Elder Jai A. Flowers

Everyone is cordially invited!

Homecoming services set for Sunday, Oct. 1, at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, located at 3698 County Road 228, Elba, Ala., will hold Homecoming services on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023.

The Old Southern Gospel Group will provide music beginning at 10 a.m., and

the Worship service will begin at 11 a.m. with Bro. Richard Collier providing the message. This service will be followed by dinner on the grounds.

The public is invited to this Homecoming celebration!

Newbia Baptist Church plans Sunday, Oct. 1, Homecoming

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, Ala., will hold Homecoming services on Sunday, Oct. 1, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The music service will feature Derek Snellgrove

while the morning's worship service message will be delivered by Rev. Elbert Smith. A covered dish lunch will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

All are invited to attend this special service.

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p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST
CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST
CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

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ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES



COFFEE COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PLAN TO 'FIX UP' FLOWER BEDS AT ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY... The Coffee County Master Gardeners have adopted two flower beds outside of the Elba Public Library. The gardeners came to the library Tuesday, Sept. 12, to make a plan for what they would like to do to bring the flower beds 'back to life' and decide on the type of plants that would work best for the location. Help is being sought to help clear the beds from their current state in preparation for the work the Coffee County Master Gardeners will be doing. If there is an organization that needs volunteer hours, call Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong at (334) 897-6921 to volunteer. Coffee County Master Gardeners pictured above include: Donnie Byrd, Brenda Evans, Maggie Sickler, Rodney Penuel, Janine Coles, and Carole Lolley.



ELBA FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND CHEERLEADERS RECOGNIZED at the Elba Quarterback Club's "Game Day" lunch meeting held last Friday, Sept. 15, were (from left): Austin Aguilar, Haylee Marie Tucker, Alayvia Stinson, Cameron Gray, and Kade Harrison. The Elba Tigers have a bye week this Friday, Sept. 22nd.

C.C. School System's Career & Technical Education Program designed to empower students

Coffee County School System's Career and Technical Education Program Designed to Empower Students

The Coffee County School System's Career and Technical Education program is designed to empower students to meet the daily challenges of the 21st century with the work-readiness skills needed for success.

This program provides a curriculum wherein students are actively engaged in learning through career-oriented activities. The Coffee County School System offers career and technical education programs at Kinston School, New Brockton High School, and Zion Chapel School.

These programs are designed to prepare youth for a broad range of employment and further education and are offered under the guidance of certified teachers.

The following career clusters and programs are offered in the Coffee County Schools' Career and Technical Education curriculum:

1. Marketing
2. Cooperative Education
3. Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
4. Business Management and Administration
5. Dual Enrollment Program (in partnership with Lurleen B. Wallace Community College and Enterprise State Community College)
6. Transportation - Distribution and Logistics
7. Education and Training



MONTHLY BREAKFAST GATHERING... Several members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 and friends gathered Tuesday morning, Sept. 12, at The Outpost restaurant in New Brockton, Ala. for great food and fellowship. Prayers are asked for classmate Neal Hutto, who is in the hospital and could not attend this month's breakfast. He was surely missed. Those in attendance included: (table to left) Bobby Edmonson, Kenneth Baker, and Butch Oggs; (table on right, left side) Jerome Blackmon, Merrill Shirley, Eddie Thomson, Jerry Brown, and Sara Warr Strong; (table on right, right side) John Lawless, Terry Calhoun, David Blackmon, Jackey Tindol, Judy Galimore Brown, and Lenore Anglin Tanner.

Leticia Villasenor graduates from University of Alabama

During the Spring Commencement ceremonies for the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Leticia Villasenor of New Brockton, received a Bachelor of Arts degree. Over 1,000 degrees were presented to graduates during the ceremonies.

Villasenor also was named to Alabama's

Dallas Newman named to SNHU President's List

Dallas Newman of New Brockton has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2023 President's List.

The summer terms run from May to August. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Military Support Group Meetings in Enterprise:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited. Meetings at Church on Boll Weevil Circle, 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala.

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Alabama GOP announces candidate qualifying dates for 2024 Elections

The Alabama Republican Party is gearing up for the 2024 election cycle.

Candidate qualifying will open on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. CDT.

Persons interested in running for office as a Republican, or serving as a delegate at the Republican National Convention, can file a declaration of candidacy and pay the appropriate fees in-person at ALGOP

Headquarters (3505 Lorna Road, Birmingham, AL 35216) or on-line at www.algop.org.

Qualifying will close on Friday, November 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. CST, 116 days before the primary election, as required by Alabama Code § 17-13-5(a).

In addition to the presidential race, other offices on the 2024 ballot include

all seven U.S. House seats, several Alabama Supreme Court positions - including Chief Justice - Public Service Commission President, as well as seats on the Alabama State School Board, Courts of Criminal and Civil Appeals, Circuit Courts, District Courts, and all Circuit Clerk positions.

The Super Tuesday Primary will take place on March 5, 2024.

ADPH reminds all to avoid mosquito bites

Protecting yourself and your home environment from mosquito bites is important, especially at dusk and dawn.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reminds the public that mosquitoes carry viruses that can cause serious illness or death.

One of the viruses carried by certain types of mosquitoes causes Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).

Even though it is rare, the EEE virus can cause severe illness and death. No vaccine and no specific treatments are available for EEE. Two cases of EEE in humans

have been reported in Baldwin County this season, including one fatality.

ADPH stays in contact with local community leaders regarding mosquito control and education efforts.

A larvicide is a type of insecticide used to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors around homes.

Laricides work by killing

mosquito larvae before they

can grow into adults. When

used according to product

label instructions, larvicides

do not harm people, pets, or the environment.

Municipalities control mosquitoes through spraying

and placement of larvicide

briquettes in areas with

standing water.

Do this once a week:

• Learn about travel-related health risks and recommendations at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

Mosquito Control Outside Your Home

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Mosquitoes tend to lay eggs near standing water.

Do this once a week:

• Empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water.

These include tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, bird baths, or trash containers.

• Tightly cover buckets, cisterns, and rain barrels.

• If a container has no lid, cover it with wire mesh with holes.

Holes need to be smaller than an adult mosquito.

• If you have a septic tank, repair cracks or gaps.

Use laricides

• If a body of water is large

• If water will not be used for drinking

• It cannot be covered or dumped out.

In addition to EEE, other arboviruses that occur in Alabama include the following: West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis virus and La Crosse encephalitis virus.

Go to the ADPH mosquito-borne diseases webpage: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/mosquito/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/mosquito-bites/prevent-mosquito-bites.html> to learn how to help prevent mosquito bites.

LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites:

www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Gloria June Jurasek, Deceased

CASE NO: PC-2023-047

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Jimmy Joseph Jurasek as Executor, respectively, of the Estate of Gloria June Jurasek Deceased, who departed this life on the 26th day of June, 2023, by the Hon. Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

s/s James Joseph Jurasek James Joseph Jurasek, Executor of the Estate of Gloria June Jurasek Deceased

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of

BETTY R ROGERS

a/k/a BETTY VIRGINIA

ROGERS

Deceased

CASE NO PC-2023-054

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted to Virginia Rogers Davis, as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty R. Rogers a/k/a Betty Virginia Rogers, deceased, on the 24th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

s/s James Joseph Jurasek James Joseph Jurasek, Executor of the Estate of Gloria June Jurasek Deceased

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon still prefers crawling to walking, and while his Mom and Dad are anxiously awaiting his first steps, I keep telling them to rest up because when once he takes off they will have to be chasing him all over the house. Just the next step in raising a child, and that means no rest for the weary.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers traveled to Brantley* last week looking to make a statement to the other teams in the region and did just that as they rolled to a 48-0 region win over their biggest 1A rival. Elba missed out on a couple of chances to blow the game open in the first half due to a late penalty flag that nullified a long touchdown run and a fumble deep on Brantley's end of the field, but came back after the halftime break and scored three touchdowns in the third quarter to take the fight out of the Bulldogs and seal the win. The Elba offense rolled up over 400 yards on the ground and had two runners go over the century mark, while the defense bent at times, but never broke and came up with three big turnovers that kept Brantley from finding its way into the endzone. I talked with some Brantley fans before the game and while they admitted the Bulldogs were not as good as in years past and Elba would probably win, I don't think any of them ever thought the Tigers would leave the field with a 48-point win. Brantley was young and will no doubt bounce back with a vengeance in the years to come, but Friday night it was obvious that while both teams are listed in Class 1A, the Bulldogs weren't in the same class with the Tigers.

*** *It wasn't the best of weeks for teams in the area* as Zion Chapel was the only team to hang up a win on their side of the ledger. Here's a quick look back at the week that was....

** *New Brockton slipped to 1-3* with a surprising 28-0 region loss to Daleville. Just two weeks ago the Gamecocks and their fans were celebrating a big win over Opp, but since then they have been outscored 66-24 in two straight region losses and all of the sudden appear to be headed in the wrong direction.

** *Zion Chapel rallied* to post an exciting 22-20 homecoming win over Samson, and while the win wasn't really a surprise, the Rebels once again showed they could play physical football and appear to be headed in the right direction. The Rebels like to buckle their chinstraps a little tighter than their opponents and play old fashioned football, and so far it is working.

** *Kinston dropped its second straight* region contest to Georgiana 40-0 and simply didn't have enough speed to keep up with the speedy Panthers. Kinston probably expected to be able to run the ball and eat time off the clock in what would have been a huge upset, but the offense never got on track and it was just a night to forget for the Bulldogs and their fans.

** *Brantley knew it was out-manned* heading into last week's region match-up with Elba and it showed as the Bulldogs dropped a surprising 48-0 region loss. The Bulldogs had a couple of chances to make it a game in the first half, but came away empty handed in two trips into the red zone and saw their biggest play of the night that would have set them up at the Elba 1-yardline erased by a penalty flag. I know it's a lesson no one in green wanted to see, but the guess here is the Bulldogs will learn from the loss and only get better.

*** *It was an exciting week of football action* all across the state, and while most of the teams ranked in the sportswriters' poll enjoyed a big week, others would like to scratch the results off the schedule. While week #3 was for the offensive minded with fifteen teams scoring at least 60 points, led by West Morgan's 83-point explosion against Brooks, week #4 was more for the defensive folks with 38 shutouts being posted. Included among the most notable shutouts was Brantley being blanked by Elba 48-0, the first time the Bulldogs had been shutout in 93 games dating back to 2015, and UMS-Wright being blanked by

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Gulf Shores 17-0, which was the first time the Bulldogs had failed to put points on the scoreboard in 30 games. A not so notable shutout was Oxford blanking Huffman, which has now been outscored 215-0 this season. Oh well, here is a quick look back at last week's action....

** *In Class 1A*, top-ranked Leroy whipped Choctaw County 48-6 and #2 Elba ran over #5 Brantley 48-0, while only two ranked teams lost. Closer to home, Georgiana win its third straight game with a 40-0 win over Kinston, Calhoun won its first game of the season with a 30-26 upset over Autaugaville, Florala bounced back with a 44-22 win over Southern Choctaw, Houston County got its first win with a 40-35 victory over Red Level, and McKenzie evened its record at 2-2 with a 54-7 walk over Pleasant Home.

** *In Class 2A*, top-ranked B.B. Comer dumped Ranburne 42-7 and #2 Highland Home pounded Lanett, while only two ranked teams lost. Closer to home, Abbeville got its first win with a 20-0 shutout over Geneva County, Cottonwood remained undefeated with a 28-20 win over Wicksburg, G.W. Long picked up a big 33-27 region win over Ariton, Luverne made it look easy in a 41-0 win over Horseshoe Bend, Goshen was no match for Reeltown and dropped a 43-18 decision, and Port Saint Joe cruised past winless Pike Lib 42-7.

** *In Class 3A*, top-ranked Mars Hill buried Clements 61-3 and #2 Mobile Christian thumped Excel 35-0, while only one ranked team fell to defeat. Closer to home, Daleville picked up its first win with a 28-0 shutout of New Brockton, Houston Academy remained undefeated with an easy 48-6 win over Ashford, Providence Christian got defensive in a 10-6 win over Opp, and Straughn stayed unbeaten with a big 44-18 win over Clarke County.

** *In Class 4A*, top-ranked Andalusia barely worked up a sweat in a 50-0 win over Bullock County and #2 Cherokee County fought past Oneonta 42-21. Closer to home, Geneva was no match for B.T. Washington in a 54-14 whipping, Slocomb was blanked by Montgomery Catholic 42-0, and Dale County was outscored by Montgomery Academy 57-42.

** *In Class 5A*, top-ranked Pleasant Grove was clobbered by #2 Ramsay 49-17, while three other ranked teams also lost. Closer to home, Carroll scored three touchdowns in the final four minutes of the game to stun Charles Henderson 34-24, Eufaula coasted past winless Greenville 45-13 and Headland bounced back from its first loss with a 22-6 win over Rehobeth.

** *In Class 6A*, top-ranked Saraland humbled Spanish Fort 49-7 and #2 Clay-Chalkville dumped Pinson Valley 41-0, while only one ranked team lost. Closer to home, Montgomery Carver made it look easy in a 34-6 win over Russell County, and Pike Road outscored Sidney Lanier 52-33.

** *In Class 7A*, top-ranked Thompson spanked Spain Park 55-14 and #2 Central, of Phenix City, battled past Opelika 28-18, while only one ranked team tasted defeat. Closer to home, Dothan rolled over Prattville 59-34, Enterprise coasted past lowly Smiths Station 54-7 and Auburn blanked JAG 46-0.

*** *It was a so-so week for the three college teams* that most area fans cheer for as Auburn beat up on Samford 45-13, Troy lost to James Madison 16-14 and Alabama managed to pull out a 17-3 win over South Florida. Up in the plains, the Tigers had a little easier time than expected in disposing of Samford and began to show improvement on offense after struggling a week ago, while the Trojans battled for all four quarters and despite seeing its eight-game conference winning streak come to an end, showed real pride and determination. As for the Crimson Tide, then first half of the game was the worst I have ever seen Alabama play on offense since I have been a Tide fan, and I will admit I turned off the TV and went to the store to get away from the embarrassment. Alabama has a lot

more problems than just not having a quarterback, and if it doesn't find some answers pretty quick it could get even uglier up in T-town.

*** *Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator* e-mailed me this week's picks and after a 29-6 week seems to be hitting his stride a little earlier than usual. The local guesspert appears to have added a few 'sure picks' to help his stats, but that's okay with me, as long as he keeps'em coming. Okay, here is this week's fearless forecast....

KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

The pound down in Kinston will be filled with bulldogs this week with both litters looking to make it back home by late Friday night to enjoy a victory dinner. While the 'dogs from up across the creek got spanked last week, this week should help them rebound and get ready for the rest of the season.

BRANTLEY 27 KINSTON 7

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The roosters from over behind the Ben E. Keith warehouse don't have a lot of feathers left after the last two weeks and this week will be looking to solve their problems just to survive against a band of raiders from over near the circle city. This one may not be for the weak at heart.

HOUSTON ACADEMY 45 NEW BROCKTON 7

ZION CHAPEL VS. ARITON

The troops from up at Fort Jack spent the weekend celebrating after a big homecoming win, but will need to put the dancing shoes back in the closet for this week's clash with a litter of kitties from across the county line that will come to the fort in a bad mood after three early-season losses. I hope I am wrong, but my guess is....

ARITON 28 ZION CHAPEL 24

OTHER PICKS:

Loachapoka 41 Notasulga 6

B.B. Comer 49 Vincent 12

Daleville 27 Northside Methodist 21

Millry 38 Choctaw County 18

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Georgiana 40 Houston County 12

McKenzie 26 Red Level 20

Sweet Water 55 A.L. Johnson 0

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Maplesville 40 Calhoun 6

Wicksburg 22 Abbeville 14

Cottonwood 42 Samson 14

G.W. Long 38 Geneva County 0

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Highland Home 49 Horseshoe Bend 0

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Mobile Christian 48 Monroe County 0

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Charles Henderson 31 Beauregard 28

Ramsay 55 Fairfield 6

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Eufaula 40 Pike Road 36

Auburn 42 Percy Julian 0

Central PC 56 JAG 0

Dothan 55 Smiths Station 14

Enterprise 45 Rehobeth 0

Elba Tigers ready for week off on gridiron

The Elba Tigers will enjoy a week off from the grind of the high school football season this week and Coach Marc Sieving feels the break is coming at a good time for the team after four wins to open the season.

"I know when you are on a roll sometimes you hate to break the routine," said Sieving, "but we have been hard at work for a long time and since we will only take off one day this week it really won't be that big a deal. We are happy to be 4-0 at this point in the season. However, we are still making way too many mistakes and will use the week off to work hard on fundamentals and try to get better in everything we do."

We are making too many penalties and are getting away from what we know to do at times, and that has to stop. We as coaches will probably work overtime, and the players will get a little rest and hopefully heal up and get ready for the rest of the season."

When asked about last week's 48-0 region win over Brantley, Coach Sieving stated, "Don't let the final score fool ya, it was a very physical game and we definitely had some players that were feeling it after the game. We knew going in that Brantley would

be physical and would play hard, and we had to match their intensity and play harder. I know the score got a little out of hand, but it was a tough game against a quality opponent and we were happy to get out of there with the win."

"On offense our goal was to dominate the line of scrimmage and for the most part we were able to do just that, and it told in the fourth quarter when Brantley looked really tired," added Sieving. "Our backs ran hard, we blocked well on most plays and even though we had two

Area teams to kick off week 5 at home

The high school football season will enter week #5 on Friday night with all area teams remaining in the midst of region battles.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

Houston Academy at New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be at the friendly confines of Gamecock Stadium Friday night for a big region clash with the Houston Academy Raiders.

Houston Academy leads the all-time series 17-6, has won the last 13 meetings dating back to 2000 and last season defeated New Brockton 49-6.

New Brockton will enter the game with a 1-3 record, with a win over Opp 19-14, and losses to Elba 35-8, Providence Christian 38-14 and Daleville 28-0. Houston Academy, the defending region champion, will carry a perfect 3-0 record into the game with wins over Wicksburg 28-13, Daleville 55-16 and Ashford 48-6.

Brantley at Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to climb back into the region race Friday night when they host the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley leads the all-time series 33-4,

has won the last 25 meetings dating back to 1991, and last season handed Kinston a 53-6 whipping.

Brantley will bring a 2-2 record into the region clash with wins over Houston County 19-13 and McKenzie 30-28, and losses to Luverne 28-14 and Elba 48-0. Kinston will enter the game with a 1-2 record, with a win over Samson 34-6 and losses to Elba 42-7 and Georgiana 40-0.

Ariton at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be back at Green Memorial Stadium Friday night for a big region clash with the Ariton Purple Cats.

Ariton leads the all-time series 42-14, has won the last six meetings and last season posted a 35-0 win over Zion Chapel.

Zion Chapel will bring a 2-2 record in to the region showdown with wins over Pike Liberal Arts (forfeit) and Samson 22-20, while suffering losses to Goshen 35-7 and Wicksburg 30-14. Ariton will enter the game with a 1-3 record, with a 35-6 win over Geneva County combined with losses to Dale County 33-20, Highland Home 35-7 and G.W. Long 33-27.

SPORTS NEWS

Tigers blank Bulldogs 48-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers pulled out to a 20-0 halftime lead and then blew the game open with a 21-point third quarter explosion in a dominating 48-0 region win over the Brantley Bulldogs, Friday night at David Lowery Stadium.

Elba received the game's opening kickoff and despite 25 yards in penalties went 52 yards in six plays to grab an early lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 66 yards on four carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 1-yard run, and after Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point, Elba was on top 7-0 with 8:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley traveled by air on its initial series and quickly moved downfield to reach a first down at the Elba 25-yardline. Jon Harper Kilcrease completed 6 of 7 passes for 37 yards on the drive, but the Bulldogs came up one-yard short on a fourth down completion and handed the ball back to the Tigers at the Elba 14-yardline.

Elba was forced to punt after an apparent 52-yard scoring dash by Alvin Henderson was wiped out by a penalty flag, but regained possession at its own 32-yardline after a Brantley punt and covered the 68 yards to the endzone in just three plays, with Cayden Adkins scoring the touchdown on a 49-yard gallop. The extra-point attempt sailed wide, but with 10:54 left in the half Elba was on top 13-0.

Brantley saw an apparent 41-yard pass completion from Kilcrease to Daylan Davis that carried to the Elba 1-yardline erased by a penalty flag on the Bulldogs ensuing possession, and after a punt the two region rivals swapped turnovers on the games next two series with Brantley's Treshawn Brooks recovering an Elba fumble at the Bulldog 22-yardline and Elba's Cameron Gray picking off a Brantley pass near midfield.

Elba cashed in the turnover as the Tigers went 60 yards in six plays to add to their lead. Alvin Henderson rushed for 42 yards on four carries and capped the drive with a 14-yard scoring scamper, while Wisecup tacked on the extra-point to put Elba in front 20-0 with 1:45 left in the half.

Brantley got a break with only seconds remaining in the half when Elba fumbled a punt at the Tiger 11-yardline. However, four straight passes failed to find their target and at the half Elba went in with a 20-0 advantage.

Elba recovered a fumble near midfield on the second play of the third quarter and cashed in the turnover as the Tigers went 60 yards in four plays, with Alvin Henderson getting the call on all four plays and scoring the touchdown on a 1-yard run. Wisecup's extra-point was true as Elba upped its lead to 27-0 with 9:31 remaining in the quarter.

Elba turned back another Brantley scoring threat on the Bulldogs ensuing possession when Cameron Gray picked off his second pass of the night at the Elba 4-yardline and returned the interception 34 yards to the 38-yardline. From there it took the Tigers only three plays to get back into the endzone, with Alvin Henderson scoring his fourth touchdown of the night on a 21-yard dash. Alex Wisecup booted the extra-point, and with 4:26 left in the quarter the Tigers had opened up a 34-0 lead.

Elba began its next possession at its own 45-yardline following a Brantley punt and promptly went 55 yards on four running plays to continue its dominance. Cayden Adkins rushed for 29 yards on two carries to help lead the Tigers down the field, while Alvin Henderson added 26 yards on two carries and scored his fifth td of the game on a 16-yard scamper. Wisecup's extra-point was again true and with 30-seconds left in the third quarter the Tigers lead had ballooned to 41-0.

Elba's Jacob Ledbetter partially blocked a Brantley punt on the Bulldogs next possession to set the Tigers up at the Bulldog 39-yardline, and from there Cassidy Carpenter took over as he rushed twice for 29 yards and scored on a 14-yard run with 7:52 still left in the fourth quarter. Wisecup added the extra-point as the Tigers put the finishing touches on the dominating 48-0 road win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 278 yards and 5 touchdowns on 22 carries to lead the Elba ground game, while Cayden Adkins added 132 yards and 1 td on eight carries and Cassidy Carpenter rushed for 29 yards and 1 td on two carries.

Jon Harper Kilcrease rushed for 28 yards on six carries and completed 10 of 22 passes, with two interceptions, for 67 yards to lead the Brantley offense, while Cooper Layton rushed for 39 yards on seven carries and Daylan Davis caught five passes for 36 yards.

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21	Rushes-Yds.	7
36-459	Passing Yds.	24-61
6	Total Offense	67
465	Passes	128
1-1-0	Fumbles/Lost	10-22-2
2/2	Punts-Ave.	3/1
1-50	Penalties-Yds.	6-28
7-75		7-60

Elba JV falls to Luverne 36-16

The Elba JV Tigers dropped a home game Monday night, Sept. 19, to the junior varsity team from Luverne.

The young Tigers played hard for all four quarters Monday night despite falling behind early to their opponent.

Elba JV looks to rebound next week when they host Zion Chapel at Tiger Stadium on Monday, Sept. 25. Game time is 6 p.m.

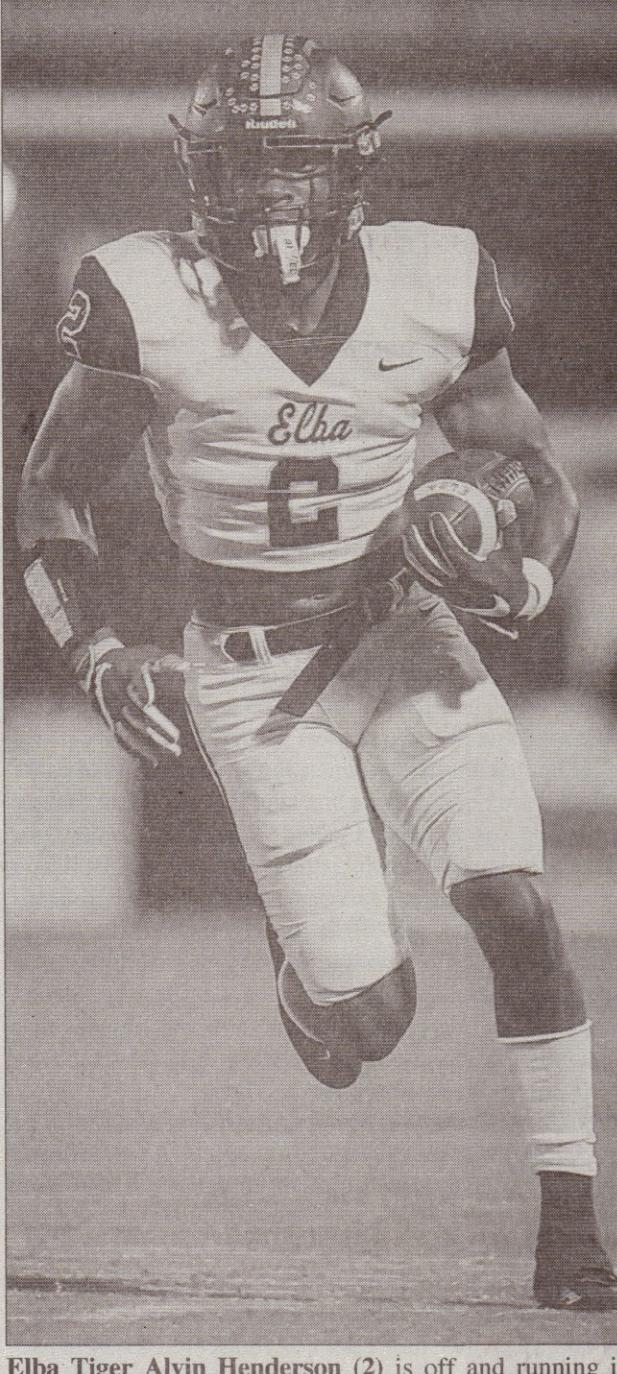
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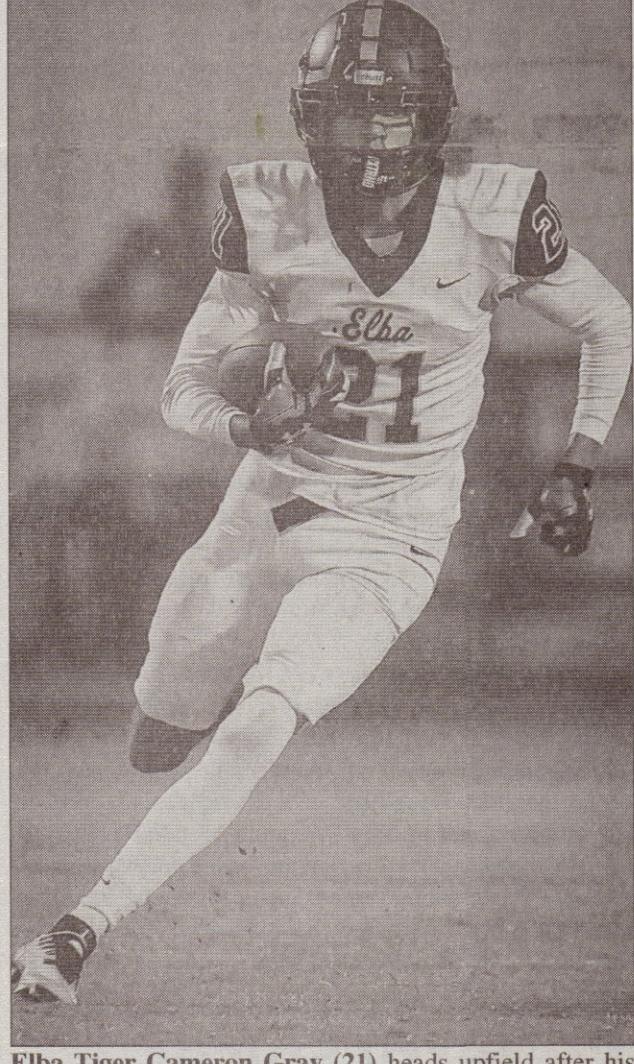
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Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) is off and running in last week's region win over Brantley. Henderson rushed for 278 yards and 5 touchdowns in the 48-0 win over the Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger Cameron Gray (21) heads upfield after his second interception of the night in last week's 48-0 region win over Brantley.

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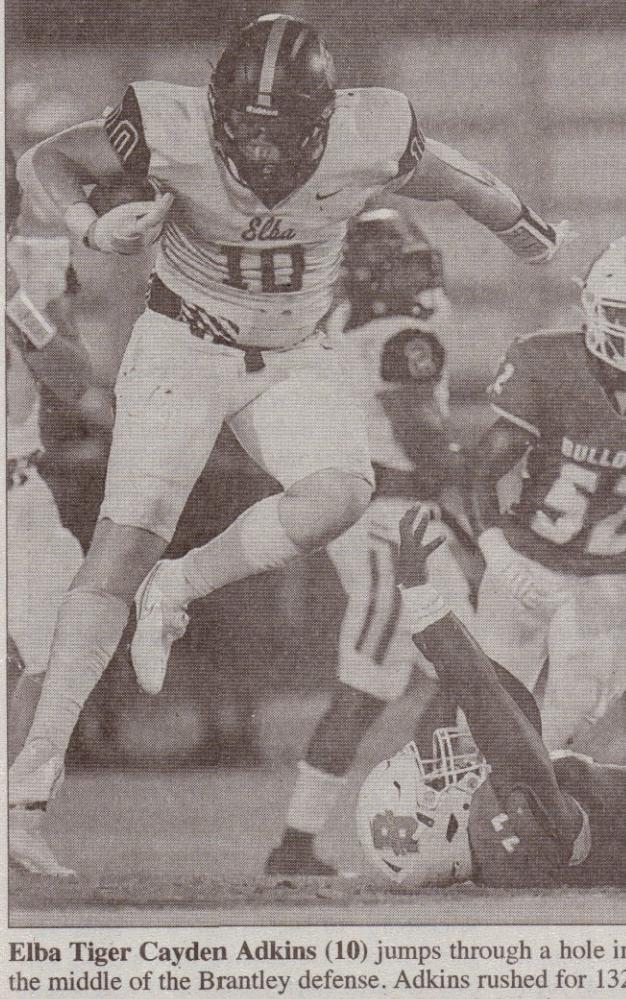
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Elba Marching Tiger danceline performer Zalie McKelvy wows the crowd with an entertaining halftime show last week at Brantley.



Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) jumps through the middle of the Brantley defense. Adkins rushed for 132 yards and 1 touchdown in last week's big 48-0 region road win over the fifth-ranked Bulldogs.

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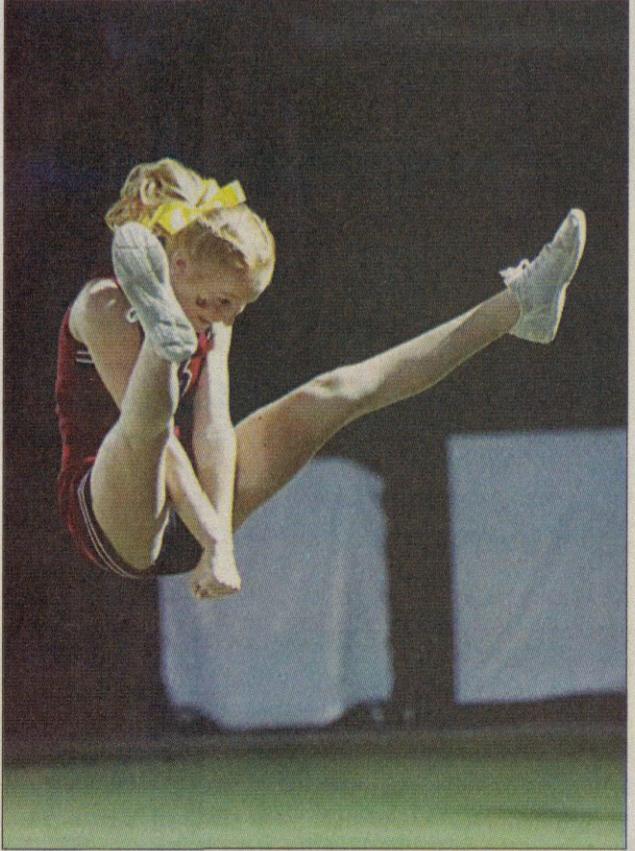
SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Bulldog receiver stretches out to pull in a pass in recent region action. The Bulldogs will host Brantley Friday night in region play.



New Brockton Marching Band performed at halftime at last week's road game in Daleville and wowed the crowd with its performance.



New Brockton Gamecock cheerleader is flying high at last week's region road game in Daleville. The Gamecocks will be at home this week to host Houston Academy.

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Kinston Bulldogs clawed by Panthers 40-0

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Georgiana Thursday night for a key region contest with the Georgiana Panthers and were simply no match for the speedy Panthers as they dropped a 40-0 decision to slip to 0-2 in region play.

Kinston, which managed only 109 yards in total offense, was led by Colby Tew with 72 yards rushing on 22 carries, while Brodie Walker added 25 yards on the ground on eight carries and Brant McCollough completed only 1 of 5 passes for 8 yards.

Georgiana, which won its third straight region game after a season opening loss to 4A W.S. Neal, rolled up 302 yards on the ground and added 39 yards in the air for 341 yards in total offense in the homefield win. Bernard McCaster led the Panthers on the ground with 126 yards and 1 touchdown on 9 carries, and completed 5 of 11 passes for 39 yards and 1 td, while Marques Payton rushed for 108 yards and 2 td's on 11 carries and Jacquese Abner added 72 yards and 1 td on 11 carries.

Georgiana scored on its first two possessions of the opening quarter to grab a quick 14-0 lead, and added two scores in the second quarter to carry a 28-0 lead in at intermission. Kinston kept the Panthers out of the endzone in the third quarter, but Georgiana added two touchdowns in the final stanza to seal the 40-0 region win.



In JV Cross Country action last weekend, Kinston's Paisley Clark, left, placed third in the girls competition while Gavyn Moore, right, placed first in the boys competition. The cross country meet was held in Covington County.

New Brockton Gamecocks blanked by Daleville 28-0

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks failed to find their way to the endzone Friday night in a 28-0 region road loss to the Daleville Warhawks.

New Brockton managed only 131 yards of total offense in the region loss, with quarterback Dawson Peacock leading the way with 22 yards rushing on five carries and 47 yards passing as he connected on 5 of 12 passes. Yassiah Rousseau led the Gamecocks on the ground with 47 yards on four carries and also caught 2 passes for 28 yards, while Blake Cox rushed for 26 yards on six carries and Baylon Foster had 3 catches for 19 yards.

Blake Peterson had 10 tackles and one sack to pace the Gamecock defense, while Anthony Silar added 8 tackles and Joseph Peterson had 7 tackles and one sack.

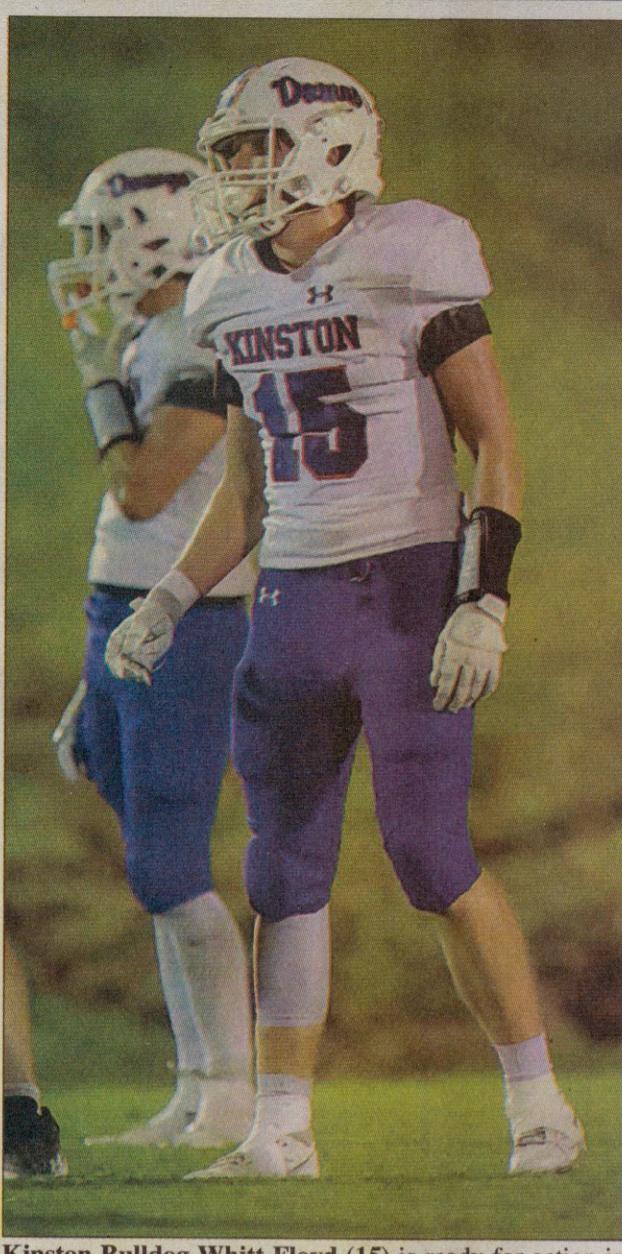
Omarion Pinckney was a one-man wrecking crew for Daleville and he rushed for 178 yards and three touchdowns on 21 carries and completed 10 of 15 passes for 125 yards and one td. Marcus Smith had 5 catches for 44 yards and one score.

Daleville took control of the game early when Pinckney capped a 12-play, 99-yard scoring drive with a 6-yard run, and Pinckney also ran in the two-point conversion to out the Hawks on top 8-0 with 3:48 left in the first quarter.

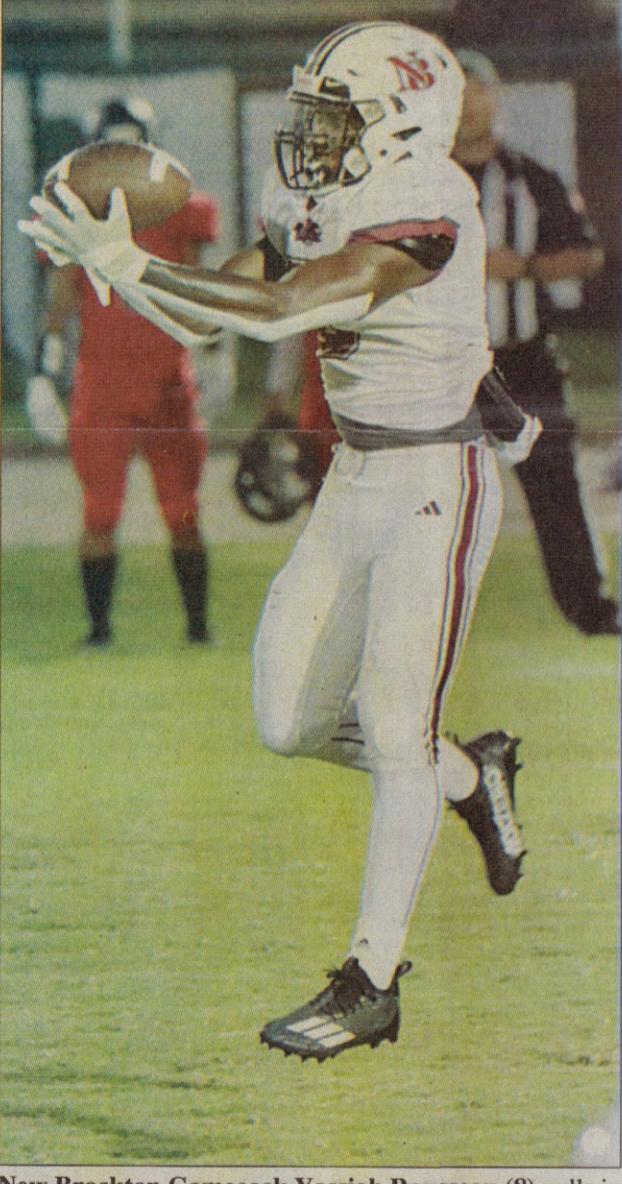
Pinckney's second score of the half came with 11:52 remaining in the second quarter on an 8-yard scamper, while Javeon McLeod added the two-point conversion to push the Daleville lead to 16-0.

Daleville put a dagger in the New Brockton comeback hopes with only 15-seconds left in the half when Pinckney hooked up with Marcus Smith on a 30-yard touchdown toss that allowed the Warhawks to go in at intermission with a 22-0 advantage.

The Warhawks final score came on a seven-play, 50-yard drive that was capped by a 27-yard td dash by Pinckney with 9:11 left in the third quarter, and while the Gamecocks did threaten to get on the scoreboard late in the game and drove 41 yards behind the running of Yassiah Rousseau and the passing of Dawson Peacock to reach a first down at the Daleville 22-yardline, they came away empty-handed and left the field on the wrong end of a 28-0 final score.



Kinston Bulldog Whitt Floyd (15) is ready for action in a recent region contest. Kinston will be back at home this week against Brantley.



New Brockton Gamecock Yassiah Rousseau (8) pulls in a short pass and looks for room to run in last week's region clash with Daleville.

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SPORTS NEWS



2023 HOMECOMING COURT...Zion Chapel Schools celebrated Homecoming last Friday, Sept. 15, and the Homecoming Queen and Court reigned over the festivities. Madison Meeks, senior, was crowned Homecoming Queen this year. She and her court are pictured above (left to right): Carlee McAllister, Junior Attendant; Zoey Mason, Senior Attendant; Ellie Sheets, Senior Attendant; Madison Meeks, Homecoming Queen; Hudson Jones, Senior Attendant; Alyssa Allen, Sophomore Attendant; and Mackenzie Warren, Freshmen Attendant. The queen and court were presented prior to kickoff of the Homecoming football game in which the Rebels defeated Samson 22-20.

For homecoming win

Rebels cage Tigers 22-20

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels sent a large homecoming crowd home happy with an exciting 22-20 region win over the Samson Tigers.

Zion Chapel began its first possession of the game at its own 33-yardline and marched 67 yards in 12 plays on a scoring drive that ate up almost six minutes off the clock and carried into the second quarter. Mason Stuart was the workhorse of the drive as he rushed for 35 yards on seven carries, while Stuart surprised the Samson defense on a second down play at the Tiger 30-yardline when he lofted a touchdown toss to Weston Watson. The extra-point attempt failed, but with 11:51 left in the second quarter the Rebels were on top 6-0.

Samson had a quick answer for the Zion Chapel score and put two touchdowns on the scoreboard in less than two minutes to grab a 14-6 lead with 6:56 still remaining in the quarter. Chase Ray hooked up with Tavares Johnson on touchdown tosses of 37 and 62 yards to bring the Tiger fans their feet, and Abraham Vazquez added both extra-points as Samson rallied to move ahead.

Zion Chapel got back to work after falling behind and drove 79 yards in seven plays to cut into the Samson advantage. Mason Stuart rushed for 24 yards on four carries to lead the Rebels down the field, while a 47-yard pass from Stuart to Jackson Adcock was a key play in

the long scoring drive. The score came on a 2-yard run by Stuart, and while the extra-point try failed, the Rebels were within 14-12 with 2:41 left in the half.

The Rebels caught the Tigers at 14-14 with 17-seconds left in the third quarter when Samson was charged with a safety after a holding penalty in the endzone, and Zion Chapel promptly took the ensuing free kick and went 36 yards in five plays to regain the lead. Mason Stuart rushed for 33 yards on four carries to move the Rebels into the shadows of the goal post, while Jerimah Stinson scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run. Micah Fuller ran in the two-point conversion, and with 10:31 left in the fourth quarter the Rebels owned a 22-14 lead.

Samson turned back a Rebel scoring threat midway through the quarter to keep its comeback hopes alive, and pulled within two-points with 1:14 left on the clock when Brodey Mixon tossed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Kelin Hornsby to cap an 86-yard scoring drive. A two-point pass missed its target; however, and the Rebels were able to run out the clock to preserve the wild 22-20 homecoming win.

Mason Stuart rushed for 190 yards and 1 touchdown on 31 carries and completed 5 of 10 passes for 113 yards and 1 td to spark the Zion Chapel offense, while Micah Fuller rushed for 54 yards on 10 carries.

Brodey Mixon rushed for 93 yards and 1 touchdown on 17 carries and completed 2 passes for 35 yards and 1 td to lead Samson, while Chase Ray completed 8 of 15 passes for 171 yards and 1 td.

In first collegiate fishing tournament, Troy University's Avery Padgett and Ethan Young qualify for national championship

Zion Chapel High School alums Avery Padgett and Ethan Young have now graduated from the Zion Chapel Bass Team to the Troy University Bass Team.

They, along with seven other team members, drove Monday, Sept. 4, to Jasper, Texas, to participate in their first college tournament which was on Sam Rayburn Lake. They were allowed to pre-fish three days prior to the tournament. For sure, this was a new lake for these freshmen anglers.

Sam Rayburn Lake is the largest lake wholly within the state of Texas. Located on the Angelina River in the heart of the Piney Woods of East Texas, it is the ninth largest reservoir in the United States. The dam, located in Jasper County, is approximately fifteen miles north of Jasper. Its surface area is 114,500 acres with a maximum depth of 80 feet.

As Padgett stated, they



Zion Chapel School grads Ethan Young and Avery Padgett now fish at the collegiate level with Troy University. They recently placed 17th in their first college fishing tournament, which qualified them for the national championship set for January 2024.

started off their college career on the right foot. They finished in 17th place out of 200 boats. This qualifies them, Padgett and Young, for the MLF National

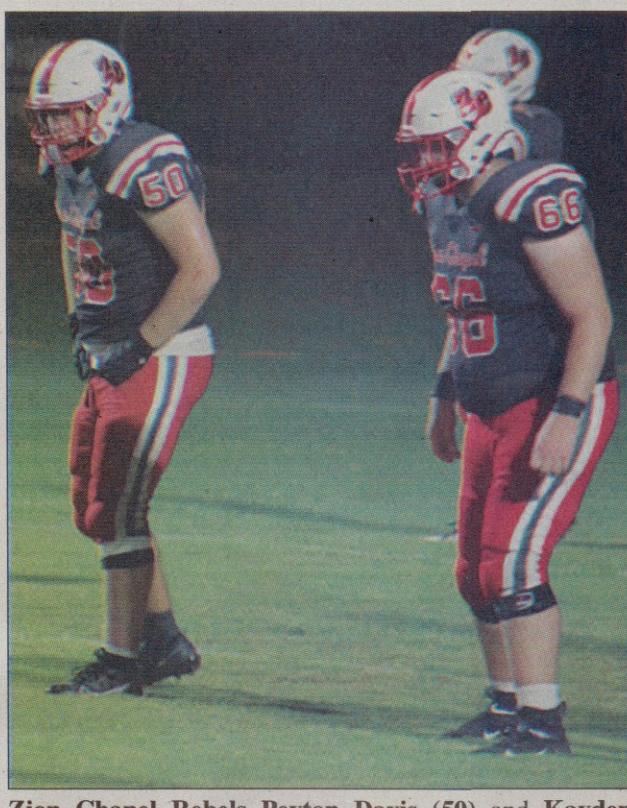
Championship in January at Lake Toho in the Orlando, Florida, area.

The Troy University Bass Fishing coach, Evan Rice, stated that he was so

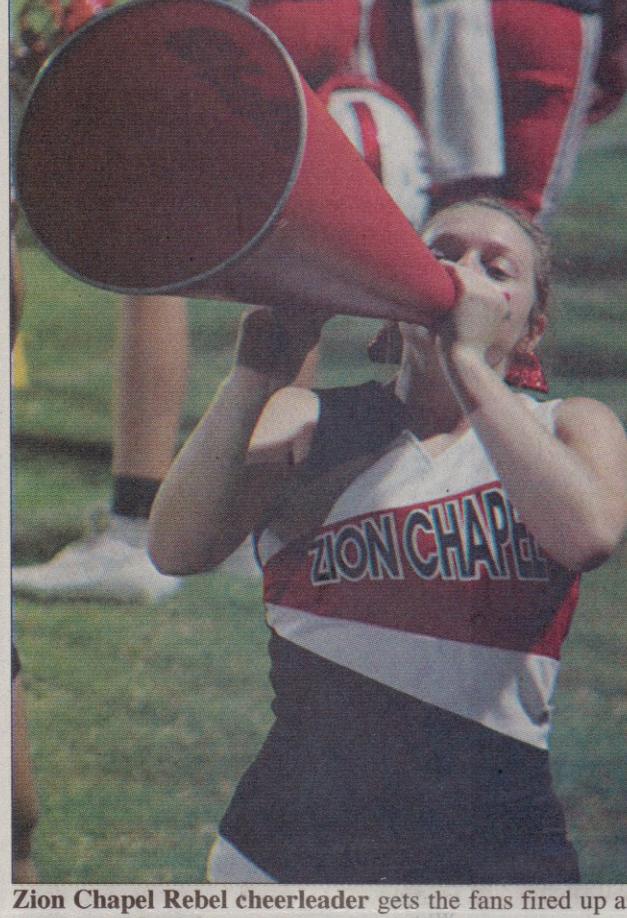
pumped to have these two new guys qualify for the MLF Natty in their first tournament as Trojans. He said he could not complain about coming away from the first tournament of the year with a bid for Nationals and some big SOY points for the Troy team.

The Troy University Team will journey Sept. 23 and 24 to Paris, Tennessee, for their next tournament on Kentucky Lake.

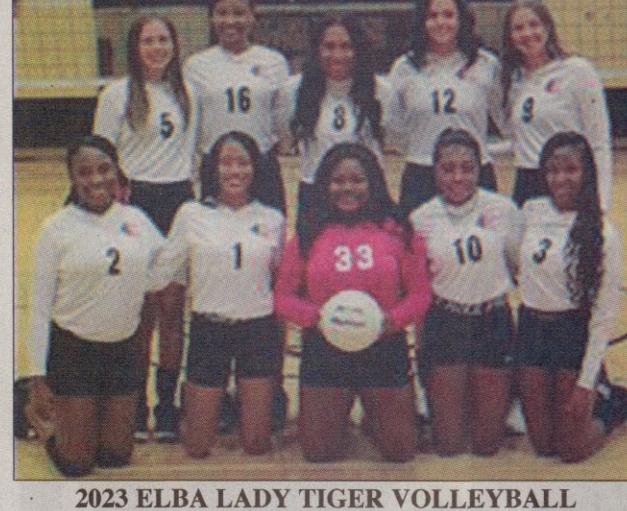
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Zion Chapel Rebels Peyton Davis (50) and Kayden Odore (65) are ready for action in a recent high school football game.



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleader gets the fans fired up as she cheers along the sidelines during a recent home game.



2023 ELBA LADY TIGER VOLLEYBALL Elba Lady Tiger volleyball teams all enjoying winning seasons on the court

The Elba Lady Tigers have been burning up the nets in recent high school volleyball action and last week ran their winning streak to three games as they improved their record to 5-1 on the season, 3-0 in area play.

The Elba varsity posted wins at home over Flora 25-12, 25-19, 25-2; and Houston County 25-20, 20-25, 25-19, 25-23; and posted a road win over Flora 25-17, 25-20, 25-23.

The Elba junior varsity was also on the winning side of the net as they posted wins over Flora 23-25, 25-19, 16-14, and Houston County 25-18, 25-22, at home, and then grabbed a big road win over Flora 25-18, 25-10.

The Elba junior high squad wasn't as busy, but did win its only match of the week with a solid 25-9, 25-4 road win over Flora.

PREP VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 21
Elba at Houston County
Kinston at Flora
Zion Chapel at Pike Lib
New Brockton at Pike County
Highland Home at Brantley
Monday, Sept. 23
Red Level at Elba

Luvne at Brantley
Tuesday, Sept. 24
Kinston at Houston County
Brantley at Pleasant Home
Thursday, Sept. 28
[Tri-Match] Dale County, Samson at Elba
Pike Lib at Zion Chapel
New Brockton at Straughn

Youth hunt dates announced by conservation officials

The State Lands Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) announces the youth deer and duck hunt schedules for the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area (FWFTA) in Hale County. The hunts will take place late November 2023 through January 2024. Registration opened September 18 and runs until November 1.

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December 9, 13, 16
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December 9, 16
January 3, 10, 20, 24

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